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# WELCOME to the 2021 - 2022 Sorority Year!



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated  
A Public Service Sorority since 1913  
Sisterhood.....Scholarship.....Service

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## ***Welcome Back Sorors!!!***

*As summer is ending and we are starting the new sorority year, I hope each of you had moments relaxing with loved ones, staying safe and most important, loving on you!*

*For our long-standing public service event, the Annual Book Bag Giveaway at the Bud Billiken Parade, we partnered with Mariano's, Aetna, St. Bernard Hospital, and Blue Cross Blue Shield this year. Through these partnerships and the generosity of so many sorors we collected over 800 book bags filled with school supplies, face masks and hand sanitizer. On parade day, August 7, 2021, we were excited to be in person and touching the lives of so many young people. It was heartfelt to see sorors in person, doing what we do best, SERVICE. A special thank you to the Special Projects Committee, chaired by Sorors Cynthia Chappell and Lawanda Holmes Williams, sorors who donated to the cause and those who participated.*

*Many of you have inquired about in person activities. In June 2021, we received notice from National Headquarters that indicated the following: **The ban is lifted for in-person chapter meetings, programs, social gatherings, and community service projects with the condition that you must adhere to your local and state governmental guidelines.***

*Chapters have the option to meet in person or virtual for chapter meeting. Hybrid models are not for consideration. In order to make an informed decision, I have created a CAC Task Force to work with the D'Estee Board to consider all factors and report their findings. As a chapter, we will review the findings and vote at the October chapter meeting whether we will meet in person or virtually for chapter meeting. With respect to other chapter activities as listed above, further information will be provided at chapter meeting.*

*In closing sorors, several sorors have transitioned to Omega Omega Chapter over the past year and many of us have lost loved ones. As we honor their memory and reflect on life, I charge each of you to cherish and love your family, friends, and each other. Remember to tell them you love them and take time for you!*

*Looking forward to an exciting sorority year filled with love, sisterhood, and service!*

## MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

**Shaunessye D. Curry, 1st Vice-President**  
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### ***WELCOME BACK SORORS!*** ***HOPE YOU HAD A FUN AND EXCITING SUMMER!***

Your Membership Services Committee has a few reminders as we start the 2021-2022 Sorority year:

\* **Our Reclamation Roundup** is scheduled for Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 2 -4 p.m. Please invite collegiate members who are eligible to transition into a graduate alumnae chapter or other inactive sorors. Our guests should register using <https://bit.ly/CACRoundUp> . Due to limited capacity and existing COVID rules, we are limiting attendance to non-CAC guests and CAC volunteers. Chapter Sorors, we are asking that you reach out to your line sisters, Special Sorors, big/little sisters, co-workers, relatives, and neighbors to invite them to an afternoon filled with fun, fellowship, and information.

\* **Sharing Is Caring GroupME:** If you are interested in joining our informal communication group, please click on <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b4daeaf2ca4ff2-sharingq1> . This communication group serves as a valuable resource to exchange information, provide insight, and make personal requests. The onboarding process for this group is monitored by Soror Kesha Ford, GroupMe Content Manager.

\* **Committee Sign-Up:** The success of CAC's programs and activities rest heavily on each of us as Chapter members. As Sorors, we are expected to sign up to work on committees as well as be present and ready to assist with the planning and execution of our programs and events. This is the recipe for making our events a huge success. Click here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4DAEAF2CA4FF2-committee> to sign up to serve on one of our committees.

\* **CAC Membership Directory and Redbook:** The CAC Membership Profile and Redbook are located in the Members only section of the Chicago Deltas Website. The password for the Membership Profile is Membership#2021. The password for the searchable Redbook is C@C!members21

\* **Membership Services Meeting:** The first full committee meeting for the Membership Services Committee will be held virtually via Zoom on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. Meeting details are as follows:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87686087022?pwd=eTRxZ0ZuNXZWUi80Y3I1NElwQ2lJdz09>

Meeting ID: 876 8608 7022  
Passcode: 811484

# PROGRAM PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

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**Chair, Program Planning & Development**  
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**(312) 403-7164**

## Welcome back, Sorors!

*I pray each of you had a safe summer and are excited about the upcoming 2021-2022 Sorority year! In keeping with our desire to be of service across the city as well as in Evergreen Park and Oak Lawn, we are currently in the planning stages of the types of service to be provided based on community need. From addressing food insecurity, to supporting women through a partnership with three women's shelters (Grace House, House of Good Shepherd and Primo), to hosting the second Delta CareAVan outreach to families in need for Christmas, we are looking forward to YOUR support of these endeavors. We want to continue to show Chicago, Evergreen Park and Oak Lawn how the women of CAC serve – we show up and SHOW out!*

*Also, you have received emails from Soror Shaunessye Curry, our 1<sup>st</sup> VP/Chair of Membership, requesting you to sign up for committees. Several of these committees fall under Program Planning & Development. I'm asking that you join a committee, to assist in the work of planning how we serve and show up. The PP&D committees are: **Economic Development, Educational Development (Delta Academy, Delta GEMS, EMBODI, Scholarship), International Awareness & Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, Political Awareness & Involvement, Emergency Response Team.** Committee meetings and chapter sponsored events are listed on the Chapter Calendar, which will be sent to members of the chapter via email every Wednesday evening.*

*If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [programming.dstchicagoalum@gmail.com](mailto:programming.dstchicagoalum@gmail.com). I'm excited of the possibilities and looking forward to doing what we do best: serve from the heart!*

*Sorors – don't forget to check the CAC Calendar which will arrive at your email each Wednesday evening (minus holidays). The calendar will show you upcoming meetings, CAC sponsored events, even Regional and National events of interest. Along with the Red Fortitude, you will definitely be in the know to plan your Delta week!*





**Co-Chairs**

**Renita Flowers-Jackson**

**Ruth M. Joyner**

**Holly C. Robinson**

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***Welcome Back Sorors!***

*We are excited about the 2021 –2022 sorority year.*

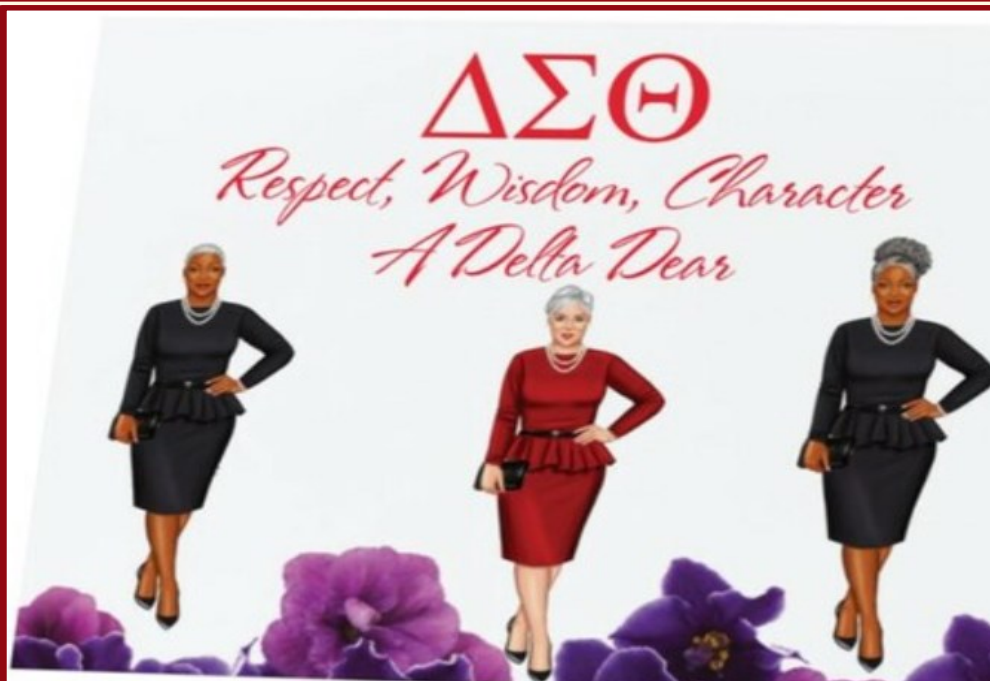
***Calling all Sorors***

***62 years of age or Older!***

*If you have not been receiving email correspondence from the Delta Dear committee,  
please submit your name, email address and telephone to*

***deltadears.dstchicagoalum@gmail.com***

*to ensure your name is included on the Delta Dear roster and mailing list.*



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Co-Chairs

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*The Economic Development Committee may be small (for now) but aims to be mighty and bring robust programming in SY22 with a laser-focus on educating our community and sorority around **wealth and legacy creation** through a series of programs teaching about debt reduction, saving and investing, long-term planning, and Black homeownership!*

*In recognition of National Estate Planning Month, **Saturday, October 2, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am**; the committee kicks off “**Get Your Life & Afterlife Together!**” featuring **Soror, Julie Annette Jones, Esq.** The **popular virtual seminar** on estate planning, will cover the importance of planning for disability, death, and generational wealth-building, followed by Q&A.*

***Registration will begin starting Saturday, September 18, 2021.** Attendees will register for the seminar and submit questions via Eventbrite.*

*The **dfree® Billion Dollar Challenge** remains our **signature committee program** this year. **Our goal is to reduce debt by \$300,000 and increase savings by \$100,000 by June 2022!** It's easy to join dfree® and track your progress. Review these [instructions](#) and [FAQ](#) for details.*

***The Economic Development Committee** will meet on the 4th Sunday, beginning **September 26, 2021, at 4:00 pm.***



*"Sisters, Service and Safety"*

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

### Co-Chairs

Marilyn Burk      Marchell Jackson  
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### ATTENTION ALL CAC SORORS!

We are living during times of unpredictable weather and unpredictable circumstances. It's not a matter of if an emergency it's going to happen, it's when an emergency happens. Don't get caught unprepared. You owe it to yourself and your family to do the best you can to be prepared, to be ready, to be Delta Ready!

September is National Preparedness Month. The flyer contains a timeline along with very helpful suggestions to help you get prepared for those emergency situations. Be Delta Ready!



*Preparing for Disasters is Protecting Everyone You Love*  
**September is National Preparedness Month**

Learn More at [www.Ready.gov/September](http://www.Ready.gov/September)

**Each Week in September, Focus on a Different Aspect of Preparedness**

**Sept. 1-4: Make A Plan:** Talk to your friends and family about how you will communicate before, during, and after a disaster.

**Sept. 5-11: Build A Kit:** Gather supplies that will last for several days after a disaster for everyone living in your home.

**Sept. 12-18: Take Low- or No-Cost Preparedness Steps:**

Start by signing up for emergency alerts in your area to receive life-saving information from your state and local municipality.

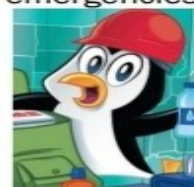
**Sept. 19-25: Teach About Preparedness:** Talk to your kids about what to do in emergencies.



**FEMA**

### **Pedro the Penguin Disaster Preparedness Activity Book**

"Prepare with Pedro" is a free youth preparedness program created by the American Red Cross in partnership with FEMA. This resource is designed to teach young children and their families how to stay safe during disasters and emergencies through fun activities such as crosswords, coloring pages, matching games, and more! The activity book is available **FREE** online at [www.ready.gov/kids/prepare-pedro](http://www.ready.gov/kids/prepare-pedro).





### ***Project Prepare, Prevent and Protect***

*To assist men and women in our community with preparing for the physical needs of an emergency situation, the Emergency Response Team partnered with the men in the Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and All-State Insurance Company to assemble and distribute “Emergency Go Bags”.*





# FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Welcome New and Returning Sorors!*

*\*Paying dues by check or money order*

*Diamond Life and Golden Life Members—\$165*

*Regular Members—\$355*

*Mail your check/money order AND current dues renewal form to:*

*Chicago Alumnae Chapter*

*Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.*

*P.O. Box 8235*

*Chicago, IL 60680*

*Attn: Financial Secretary*

*Kawana Hebron,  
Treasurer*

*Janice Farrar,  
Assistant Treasurer*

*Valerie Coleman,  
Financial Secretary*

*Sonya Fitzpatrick,  
Assistant  
Financial Secretary*

*Angela Foster,  
Assistant  
Financial Secretary*

*Donna May,  
Assistant  
Financial Secretary*

*Amanda McAbee,  
Assistant  
Financial Secretary*

*Faylesha Porter,  
Assistant  
Financial Secretary*

*\*Paying dues electronically*

*Diamond Life and Golden Life Members—\$170*

*Regular Members—\$366*

*Complete the current dues renewal form*

*Take a picture of your form or scan the form*

*EMAIL* the form to [financialsecr.dstchicagoalum@gmail.com](mailto:financialsecr.dstchicagoalum@gmail.com)

*Submit your payment via PayPal to [dues.dstchicagoalum@gmail.com](mailto:dues.dstchicagoalum@gmail.com)*



# SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

*We are pleased to announce the 2021 scholarship recipients:*

**\$16,000 - 4-Year renewable scholarship (\$4,000 per year)**

*Zarah Short – Payton H.S.; New York University*

*Hannah Lawrence – CAC GEM; Morgan State University*

**\$4,000 – Rosemary Jackson 4-Year renewable scholarship (\$1,000 per year)**

*Myliah Dixon – Westinghouse H.S.; Illinois State University*

**ONE - TIME SCHOLARSHIPS:**

**\$1,550 D'Estee Bernadette Moore-Tompkins Scholarship**

*Yasmine Slater - CAC GEM; Chicago State University*

**\$1,550 D'Estee Dr. Sandra Givens Scholarship**

*DeLaiah Amerson – De Vry Academy; Xavier University (LA)*

**\$1,222 Paula Rose Scholarship**

*Ryann Brazil – CAC GEM; Pomona College*

**\$1,000 LaFron Peery Scholarship**

*Mikayla Bacon – CAC GEM; Xavier University (LA)*

*Beyond monetary assistance, the Chapter will also support these recipients through our mentorship program. We encourage sorors who wish to serve as a mentor to please contact Carol Parham, scholarship mentor coordinator, at email address: cparham121@aol.com.*

**Co-Chairs:**

**Mary Moss**  
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**Scholarship**

## Monthly Health Awareness

### September



### October



### November



## COMMUNICATION CLUSTER

*Are you receiving electronic communication from Chicago Alumnae Chapter? If not, please update your information on the national website.*

1. Go to the National Website: [deltasigmatheta.org](http://deltasigmatheta.org)
2. Click "MEMBER PORTAL"
3. Click "SISTERS ONLY"
4. Update your mailing address, phone number and email address.

Please note the chapter roster is generated from the National roster of financial members.



**DEADLINE FOR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION**

November 25th for WINTER newsletter submission  
[newsletter.dstchicagoalum@gmail.com](mailto:newsletter.dstchicagoalum@gmail.com)

Please visit the following websites for updated information regarding our sisterhood.

National Website  
[www.deltasigmamatheta.org](http://www.deltasigmamatheta.org)  
 Regional Website  
[www.dstmidwestregion.com](http://www.dstmidwestregion.com)  
 Chapter Website  
[www.chicagodeltas.com](http://www.chicagodeltas.com)

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Executive Board Meeting**  
 6:30 p.m.

**September 7, 2021**  
**October 5, 2021**  
**November 9, 2021**

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**Chapter Meeting**  
 6:30 p.m.

**September 18, 2021**  
**October 15, 2021**  
**November 19, 2021**

## Chicago Alumnae Chapter 2020 - 2022 Executive Committee

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